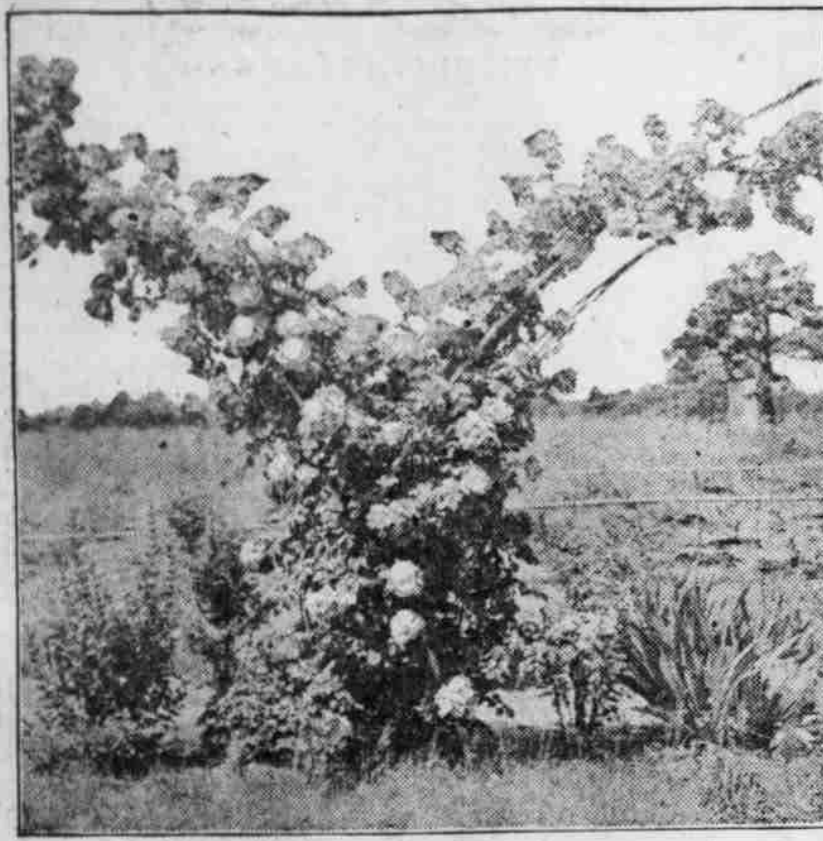


The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery
Their Care and Cultivation



An Effective Way to Train Roses.

WORK IN FLOWER GARDEN

By L. M. BENNINGTON.

Seeds of the clematis, nasturtium, cypress vine and other hard-wooded seeds are benefited by soaking in hot water for 12 hours before planting.

When spraying the orchard, do not neglect to spray the roses, shrubs and small fruits. It will do them a world of good.

Experiment with flower "novelties," but do not "bank" on them.

Don't trust seeds to cold, wet soil—wait until the earth is dried and warmed by the sun.

Be sure to start the late-blooming annuals in the house. For instance, the cosmos.

Try a few of the summer-blooming bulbs and tubers this year—tuberous-rooted begonias, caladiums, dahlias, cannas, tuberose, etc. They are satisfactory summer bloomers.

The following plants will flourish on the shady side of the house: Ferns, pansies, sweet alyssum, wandering Jew, mignonette, torenia, forget-me-nots, primroses, mimulus, begonias, fuchsias, heliotropes, plumbagoes and godetias.

These thrive in the sun: Verbena, nasturtium, phlox, petunias, nigella, geraniums, candytuft, cypress vine, thimbleberry, hyacinth, pansy, morning-glories, and in fact almost all of our bedding annuals.

Have the sweet-pea bed two feet wide, and as long as wanted. Measure it heavily, and space it deeply. Run two furrows down the center six inches apart and ten inches deep, and fill with leaf mold or well-rotted manure. Mix this with the surrounding soil, and then plant the peas one inch apart, and five inches deep. Cover with soil and firm it well.

If stocky cosmos is wanted, begin to pinch out the end of the stem when the seedling is five or six inches high, and so treat every shoot until the first of August.

The first year a rosebush gives small returns. Cover the bare soil by planting pansies, phlox or verbena between the bushes. Should the rose branch out freely, the annuals may be removed.

Moon vines that have been raised and forced by the florist, must not be planted out before the very end of June—preferably early July. They need heat and plenty of water to do well.

Those who contemplate a pit or cold frame for violets next winter, should at once procure strong, healthy plants from the florist. Set them in a spot which is shaded the greater part of the day, in light, rich soil. Carefully pick off all runners and flower buds, should they appear. This will throw all the strength of the plant into the flowering crown. Keep the soil stirred, and see that it gets a soaking twice a week, should the weather be very hot and dry.

GROW VINES AROUND THE HOME.

By LIMA R. ROSE.

Try growing honeysuckle vine about the outhouses or porches. Its habit of growth admirably fits it for screening purposes.

It does not grow rampantly enough to make constant pruning and clipping



Sweet Peas.

In Public Life.
"To look at me now, mum, you wouldn't think that I used to be in public life," said the fatigued visitor. "Dear me!" exclaimed the sympathetic housewife. "Were you a member of congress, or something like that?" "No, mum. I was a train announcer in one of the largest railroad stations in the country."

How Lobster Gets Food.
The lobster gets his food by following the suggestions of his long antennae.

A new machine loads barrels on to freight cars so rapidly that many men employed as loaders are dispensed with.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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LESSON FOR AUGUST 5.

MANASSEH'S SIN AND REPENTANCE.

LESSON TEXT—II Chronicles 33:1-20. GOLDEN TEXT—Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—Isaiah 55:7.

The reign of Manasseh was the longest of any of the Kings of Judah. It is strange that a wicked king should have the distinction of the longest reign. This can be accounted for, perhaps, by the fact that the nation was in such a state that their idolatrous corruption needed to go to its fullest development. It seems to be necessary in a world of free beings, that their actions must go to a certain stage of development. It was so with the inhabitants of Canaan before that land was possessed by Israel. Israel was kept in Egypt until the iniquity of that nation was full. In this case doubtless the Lord permitted this to go on until the idolatrous practices would become extremely obnoxious.

Another reason why this is done is to show God's long forbearance. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (II Peter 3:9). And finally, we can account for it on the ground that God permits these things to go on long in order to vindicate his justice when he judges. He does not strike in judgment until all hope of repentance is past.

1. Manasseh's Sin (vs. 1-4). Though he had the example of a good father, he with passionate endeavor gave himself up to the imitation of the heathen about him. This shows that grace is not inherited; a good father may have a bad son. It also teaches us that it is absolutely necessary to bring the grace of God into vital touch with our children, for that grace is absolutely essential to their salvation. Only his grace can counteract the downward pull of sin.

2. He restored the high places which had been destroyed by his father (vs. 5). It is thus seen that he sought to undo the good work done by his father.

3. He erected altars to Baal (vs. 6). The idols worshipped on these altars seem to have been images of licentious appearance, provoking the people to the imitation of the heathen. Therefore, with this worship was coupled the grossest licentiousness.

4. He introduced the star worship of the Chaldeans and Assyrians (vs. 7). He even erected these altars in the house of the Lord, placing them on a level with God himself.

5. He set up Moloch in the Vale of Hinnon (vs. 8). He not only encouraged this worship on the part of others, but he even caused his own children to pass through the fire.

6. He practiced magic, witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit (vs. 9). So gross were these practices that they drew even worse than the heathen whom God had destroyed before the Children of Israel came into the land.

7. He seems to have turned entirely aside from those who profess to worship God turned away from him, they indulge in sin in excess of the unbelievers.

8. He rejected the Lord's testimony (vs. 10). Doubtless the prophets had again and again admonished him, but he seems to have turned entirely aside from those remonstrances.

9. Manasseh's Chastisement (vs. 11-13). The Lord in grace used the Assyrians to chastise Manasseh, so as to bring him to see his evil ways. He was captured, perhaps while lying among the thickets of thorns (vs. 11), bound in chains and carried to Babylon. This was most humiliating. His hands were manacled, his ankles fastened together with rings and a bar.

10. Manasseh's Repentance (vs. 12-13). Fortunately, the chastisement had its desired effect. Manasseh was brought to his senses and turned from his evil ways. The steps in his repentance are as follows:

1. Affliction (vs. 12). This was most severe. Bound in chains and dragged to Babylon. While this was severe, it was light in comparison with the sins which provoked it. Many today are groaning under the weight of God's chastisement who have not yet come to realize that the weight is light compared with the offenses which they are committing.

2. Supplication (vs. 12). Manasseh had the good sense to cry out to God in this condition. It is the unmistakable evidence that God's chastisement is accomplishing its purpose. We are instructed in James 5:13 in time of affliction to pray.

3. Humility (vs. 12). This is a common characteristic of penitent souls. Those who come under the hand of God always recognize it in their humble walk.

4. Forgiveness (vs. 13). As soon as God sees the signs of penitence, he turns in mercy to the penitent and ceases his chastisement. No one needs to wait long to receive his forgiveness.

5. His kingdom restored (vs. 13). Manasseh not only was forgiven, but he was actually restored to his kingdom. Those who truly repent, God will not only forgive, but he will restore (Psa. 32:3-5).

6. Apprehension of God (vs. 13). Through this experience Manasseh came to know God. He not only came to know God as the jealous God, One who will not tolerate a rival, but he came to know him as a God of mercy. He came to know him in a new way. Happy are those who submit to the chastisement of God, who opens their hearts to receive the new revelation of himself, even though it be through the hand of chastisement.

IV. Manasseh's Reformation (vs. 14-20). Manasseh was not content with merely receiving God's forgiveness and restoration to his kingdom, but he sought so far as possible to undo the mischief which he had done.

1. He strengthened the fortifications of Jerusalem, so as to make his people safe from the attack of a foreign foe (vs. 14).

2. He removed the idols from the House of the Lord (vs. 15). Through bitter experience he had come to know that an idol is nothing, that it could avail him nothing in time of deepest need.

3. Two Bridesmaids' Frocks. A bridesmaid's dress of pinkish lavender satin has a full skirt; full length bodice, square neck; kimono short sleeves of crepe.

Another is of turquoise blue satin and has a full skirt, draped short on the sides; tunic of crepe; the tunic is opened back and front and extends under the side drapery; crushed bodice of satin and crepe; kimono sleeves; the crepe edges are all studded with silver spangles.

GOOD HUMOR IS CONTAGIOUS
Party Vexations of the Day Disappear Quickly if Met With a Smile or a Laugh.

"Nothing in the world is so contagious as good humor." It may cost a little effort to keep oneself good-humored in the midst of all the petty vexations that occur daily, but if one has the habit of making light of these trifling annoyances, half of them will disappear. The annoyance will be but for a moment and cleared up with a smile or a laugh. Permit these small vexations to take hold of your spirits is a mistake, says the Milwaukee Journal.

They wear out nerve and temper and bring permanent frowns to the face. They impair good health. They unfit one for present duties, which must be performed in a cheerful, genial mood of mind. Work done in a resentful spirit never reaches perfection. It misses the finer personal touches, which one gives when in hearty, free, genial humor. Giving way to vexation takes from courage and self-confidence, and this is evident

in one's work. Then make an effort to keep cheerful, whatever the little annoyances may be. The more you allow yourself to be disturbed by trifles, the greater they will appear to you and the more of them will possess you. "Those who make us laugh are great." If you try to seem happy you help yourself to become so.

Fellowship and Service.
Fellowship with Christ must antedate service for Christ. Our friendship with the Master is the secret of our activity for the Master. To know this atmosphere of personal communion with him is the highest culture of which the soul is capable.—Donald Sage Mackay.

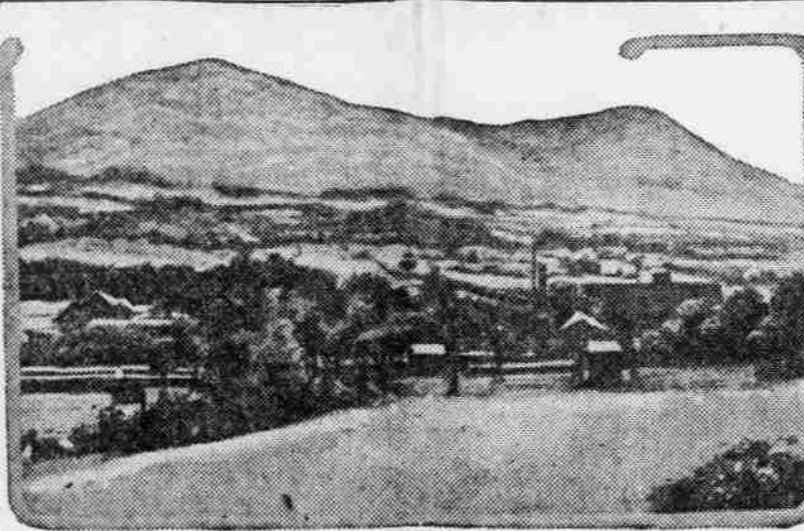
Jews Lived Longest in Babylon.
By far the largest part of Jewish history, tradition, literature, etc., is Palestinian, but Babylonian. In Babylon lived, for the longest time, the greatest number of Jews together. There their principal religious works were written, especially the Talmud, which is a higher authority with the Jews than the Bible.

Why, Mother!
"Goodness me!" exclaimed mother. "What makes you so slow dressing yourself this morning? Come over here this minute and let me put your shoes on."

"Gee, ma, you'd have a fat chance 'gittin' 'em on now, wouldn't you?" responded her four-year-old.

A recently patented butter pick has a lever operated attachment that pushes off its point a piece of butter that it picks up.

In The Berkshires



SADDEBACK MOUNTAIN

TO ANY person who has traveled through the Berkshires, that glorious range of hills that stretches from Vermont across Massachusetts into Connecticut, long famous for their historical and literary associations, what a wealth of pleasurable emotions is called up by the very name.

The Berkshires! The name stands for scenic beauties to be found nowhere else; life-giving breezes; strolls to the homes of famous authors and other historical figures; vast estates of multimillionaires; scenes of battle with Indians; and, withal, glimpses of many vast industrial plants, says the Boston Herald.

It means, too, that the person who is familiar with books may confound up Longfellow's "The Old Clock on the Stairs," or Beecher's "Star Papers," or Holmes' "Elsie Venner," or the kindly fables of James Russell Lowell, Doctor Channing, Herman Melville, and many other literary men, who spent their summers among these hills and wrote many of their most famous books in this enchanted region.

Berkshire is the most western county in Massachusetts. It touches three states: Vermont on the north, New York on the west and Connecticut on the south. It is 50 miles long and contains an area of about 950 square miles. The scenic delights of the Berkshires, however, do not stop at the state boundary lines. They extend to the Hudson river valley in the empire state, to the Green mountains of Vermont and the charming rolling country of western Connecticut.

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A Startling Reply.
"Did you hear what happened when the young electrician who has been calling on her, asked Katherine to marry him?"

"What happened?"
"She shocked him with a positive negative."

The man who has but one shirt is short on change.

An old bachelor says that a prude is an etiquette gone to seed.

Now, however, through the expenditure of \$400,000 by the state, this hill is avoided by a sweeping semicircle at low grade. It is a beautiful road, with a shallow stream rippling over stones and pebbles, and deep pools picturing the tree-covered slopes of the hills. It skirts broad ponds, passes over concrete bridges, crosses "divides," winds through forests and along the sides of deep gorges, and is continually bringing into view new scenic delights.

Where Grover Cleveland Fished.
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